

CALLAHAN CENTER LEARNING & CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Please call the front desk at 508-532-5980 to register.



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FILMS THAT CHANGED AMERICA

Thursday, March 24, 2-3:30 p.m.

Presented by: Marc Lapadula, Playwright, Screenwriter, and Sr.

Lecturer at Yale

Register by 3/23

A peculiar minority of films have had a profound impact on our culture. In this lecture, Marc Lapadula explores movies that—whether intentionally or not—have brought light to social issues. These powerful stories have resulted in changed laws, forwarded ideologies—both good and bad, and often altered the course of American history through their resounding impact on society.

Marc Lapadula, playwright and screenwriter, is an award-winning film producer and university lecturer. As Senior Lecturer at Yale University in The Film Studies Program, he has taught screenwriting seminars since 1992.

Special evening program!

THE MUSIC OF MOTOWN-PART 2

Tuesday, March 29, 6 p.m.

Presented by: Dr. Brett Abigaña

Register by 3/28

Few genres of music are as dance-worthy as Motown. But do you know the real story of this incredible music? Join Dr. Brett Abigaña for Part 2 of an exploration of this wonderful music, and learn about the stories of the artists, the Motown label, and the songs that we all know and love by Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, Al Green, and others! Brett Abigaña is a composer whose music has been performed throughout the world. He is much in demand as a guest lecturer, clinician, and conductor.

JAWS



VIRTUAL

GREAT TOURS-GREECE: DELPHI, MONEMVASIA & MISTRA

Thursday, March 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Register by 3/9

IN-PERSON

The Great Tours continues our unique cultural journey, as we explore the Quest for Wisdom at Apollo's Oracle in Delphi. At this legendary site, Professor Hale reconstructs the sequence and rituals of a visit to the oracle in ancient times. Then it's on to the port town of Monemvasia, a coveted trading center that offers a rich slice of Byzantine history. As the tour moves on to Mistra, we'll visit the majestic Frankish castle and take in the religious architecture at Meteora and Mount Athos.



Professor John Hale of the University of Louisville guides us through the fabulous civilizations of the Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, and Ottomans. Additional episodes in the series will be shown in the coming months.

DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE HEARING ON THE PHONE? CHECK OUT NO-COST CAPTIONCALL

Tuesday, March 15, 9 a.m.-noon

IN-PERSON

In the Friends Café

Stop by the Friends Café to learn about no-cost telephone captioning. CaptionCall is part of a federally funded program designed to help qualified individuals with hearing loss use the phone with confidence by reading what the incoming caller is saying. CaptionCall is a federally funded program so the captioning phones are **no cost** to the user.



In celebration of St. Patrick's Day WAKING NED DEVINE (PG)

Thursday, March 17, 1:30-3 p.m.

Register by 3/16

IN-PERSON

Special comedy showing for St. Patrick's Day! When best friends Jackie O'Shea (Ian Bannen) and Michael O'Sullivan (David Kelly) discover someone in their small Irish village has won the lottery, they immediately set off to see if the winner is in a sharing mood. Deducing that Ned Devine is the lucky man, O'Shea and O'Sullivan pay him



a visit, only to find him dead from shock. Since Devine is the only one who can claim the prize, the townsfolk band together to convince the claim inspector that O'Sullivan is really Devine and split the cash.

MEET FRAMINGHAM'S NEW MAYOR CHARLIE SISITSKY

Monday, March 21, 2 p.m.

Register by 3/17

VIRTUAL

Join the conversation as the Callahan Center welcomes the city's new mayor, Charlie Sisitsky, for an informal conversation. In addition to sharing his vision and plans, Mayor Sisitsky would like to know what's on your mind. Here's your opportunity to speak with the mayor about topics that matter to you. To assist in planning, please submit your questions/topics for the mayor by Wednesday, 3/16 by emailing pgeller@framinghamma.gov or calling 508-532-5980, ext. 4110.



TEXTILES & TORTILLAS CONTEMPORARY MAYAN WOMEN IN GUATEMALA

Thursday, March 23, 1:30 p.m.

Presented by: Devik Wyman

IN-PERSON

Register by 3/22

The lives of many rural Mayan women in Guatemala still center around weaving intricate textiles and preparing corn tortillas for their families. Devik Wyman shares her photos of artisans, markets, beautiful Lake Atitlán, a co-op helping to empower local women, and the dramatic Easter processions in Antigua. Wyman discusses the contrasts and contradictions, such as women cooking over a wood fire while making calls on cell phones and centuries-old weaving designs that may now include shiny metallic threads. Indigenous Mayans have incorporated much from the Spanish colonial culture and the modern world, but have retained their unique identity. Spend an hour off the beaten path in a fascinating culture!



Pre-pandemic, Wyman led small-group tours to Mexico and Guatemala. She now teaches English as a Second Language and offers travel presentations for seniors.